

REMARKS

The Applicant notes that claims 29-32 are withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to the nonelected species. Please note that the Applicant is canceling claims 29-32, without prejudice, in favor of new claims 34-37. New independent claim 34 corresponds in subject matter to the subject matter of allowable claim 17 and thus this new independent claim is believed to be directed to the same inventive subject matter as claim 17, except written in method form. As such, the Applicant hereby request requested reinstatement and consideration of the withdrawn subject matter of claims 29-32 which is now rewritten as new claims 34-37, respectively.

The drawings are amended, per the attached Submission, to overcome the noted informalities noted in the official action, e.g., diagrammatically show the rear window and the rear side windows as well as a seal extending around the entire perimeter of the window (FIG. 2A). With respect to the term "higher area", this feature is believed to be already shown in FIGS. 6, 7, 10 and 11 of the drawings, but is now specifically depicted by reference numeral 31. New Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, accompany this Submission, incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments. If any further amendment to the drawings is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

The title of the invention is amended to overcome the Examiner's objection concerning the same. If the amended title is not believed to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed, the Applicant looks forward to any proposed title amendment the Examiner may care to make concerning the same.

Claims 25 and 27 are objected to for the noted reasons while claims 17-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The objected to and rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above

claim amendments. With respect to the term "higher", that term is replaced with the term "greater height" which is believed to more precisely indicate the modification which occurs to the rib when a portion thereof is flattened. In addition, in the amended claims, the Applicant also addresses the insufficient antecedent basis problems noted in claim 18. In view of such amendment, all of the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

Claims 17, 19, 20 and 22-28 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by the well known prior art of FIGS. 4, 5, 8 and 9 while claim 21 is rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over the well known prior art of FIGS. 4, 5, 8 and 9 as applied to claim 17 and in view of Dochnahl. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised anticipatory and obviousness rejections in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with this indication, the subject matter of claim 18 is incorporated into independent claim 17 and that amended claim is now believed to be allowable. As claims 19-28 and 33 all depend, either directly or indirectly, from that amended independent claim, those dependent claims are also believed to be allowable as well.

With respect to new claims 34-37, since new independent claim 34 corresponds to the allowable subject matter of claim 17 except written in method format, claim 34 is believed to be allowable for the same reasons that claim 17 is allowable. As claims 35-37 all depend, either

directly or indirectly, from independent claim 34, those dependent claims are also believed to be allowable as well.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the above claim amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn at this time. If the Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's view concerning the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection(s) or applicability of the well known prior art of FIGS. 4, 5, 8 and 9 and/or the Dochnahl reference, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the specific passage or passages, or the drawing or drawings, which contain the necessary teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure required by case law. As such teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure is not present in the applied references, the raised rejection should be withdrawn at this time. Alternatively, if the Examiner is relying on his/her expertise in this field, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter an affidavit substantiating the Examiner's position so that suitable contradictory evidence can be entered in this case by the Applicant.

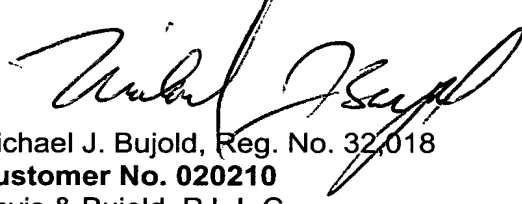
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1

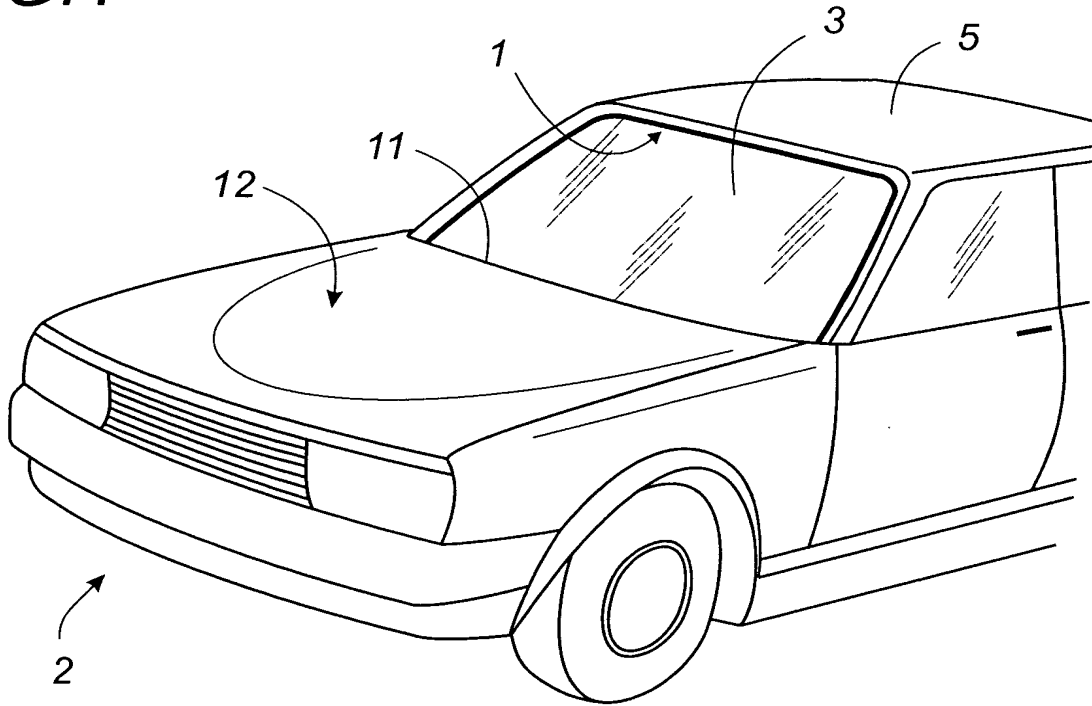
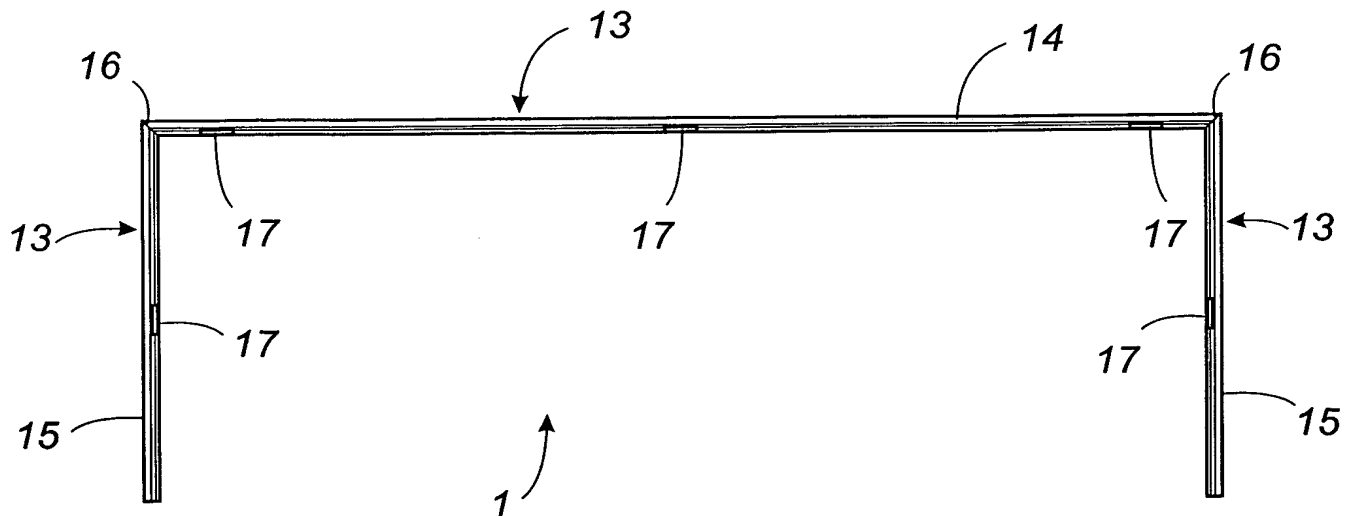


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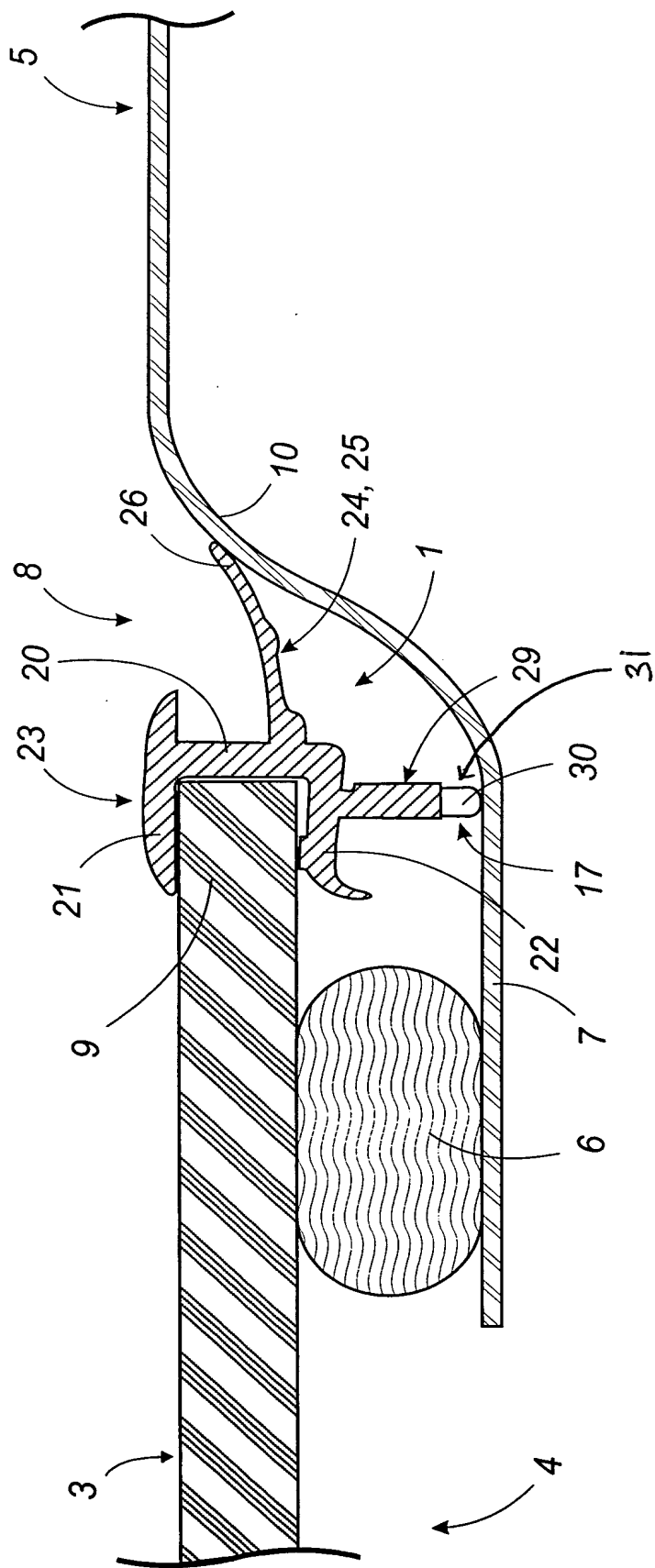
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FIG. 3

FIG. 4

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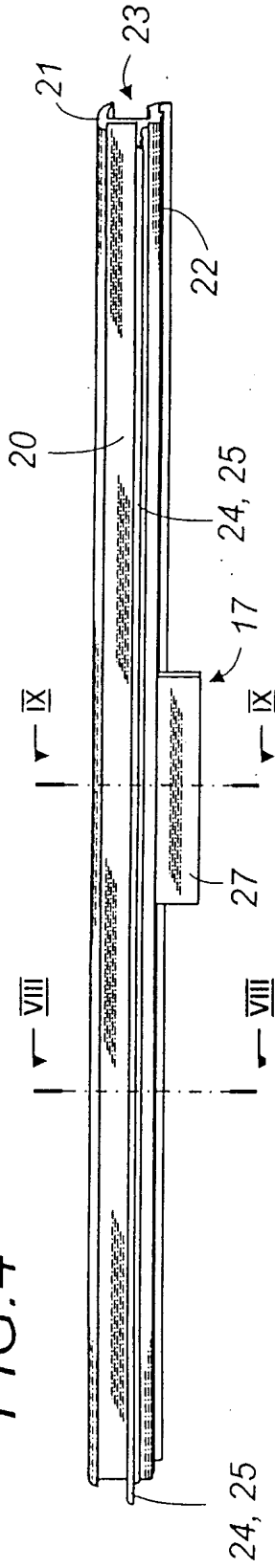


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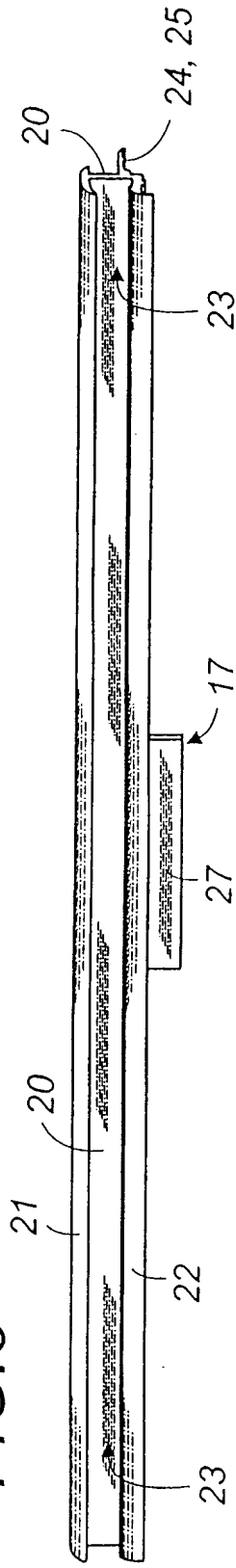


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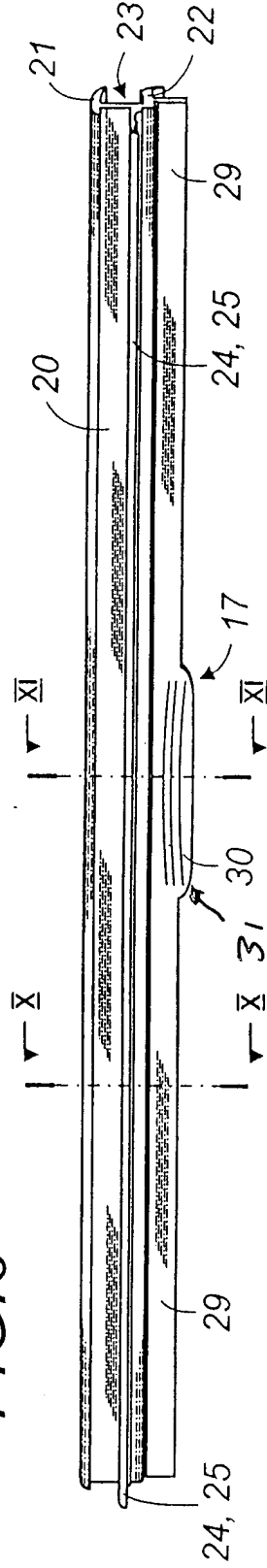
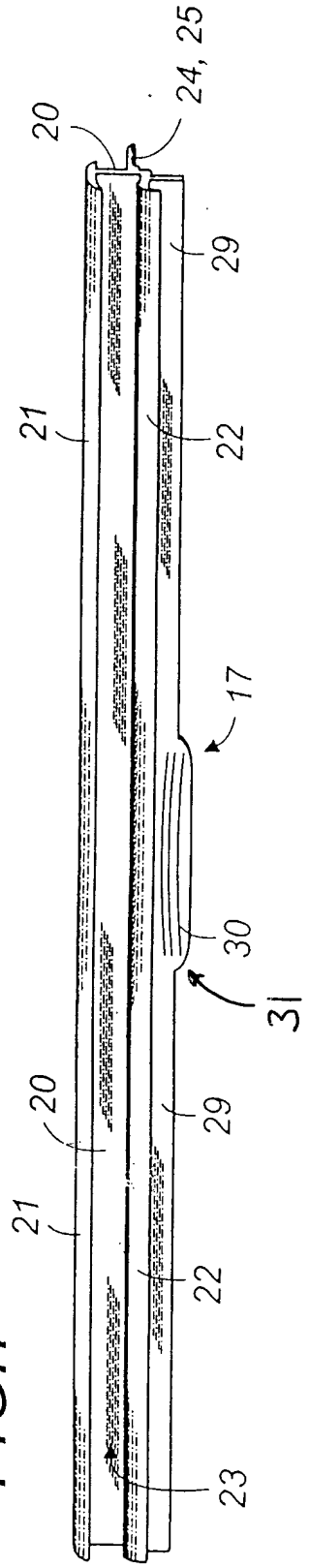


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FIG. 8 PRIOR ART

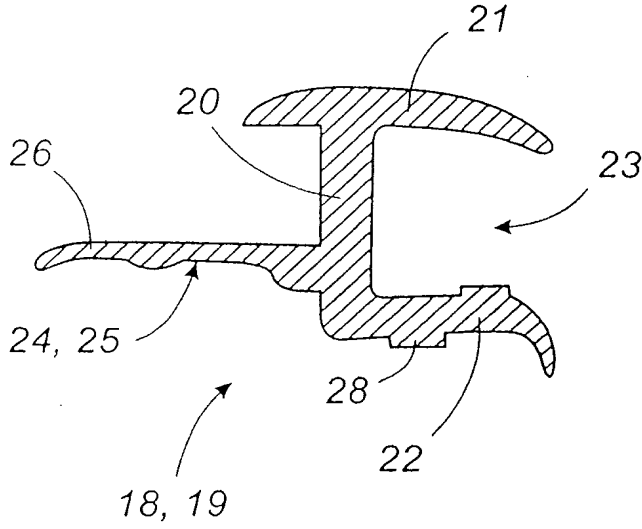


FIG. 9 PRIOR ART

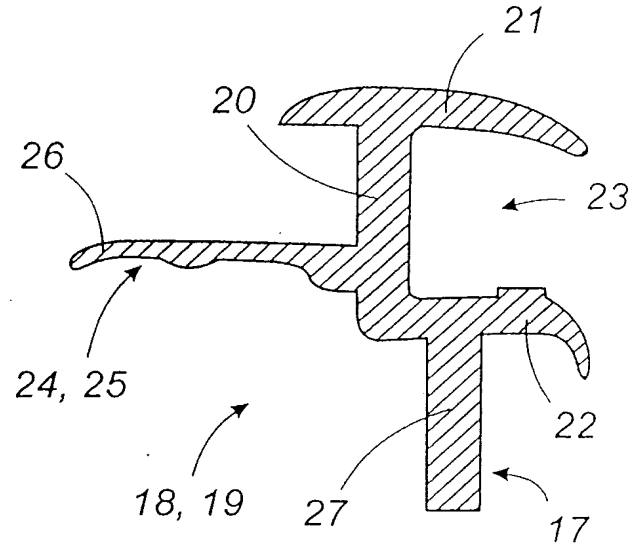


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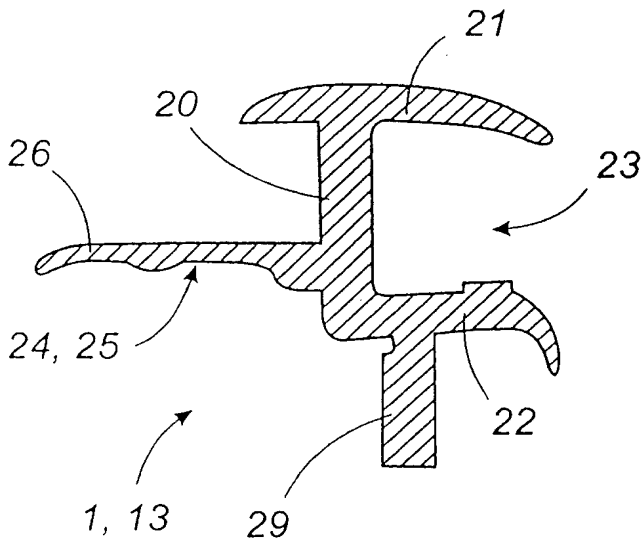


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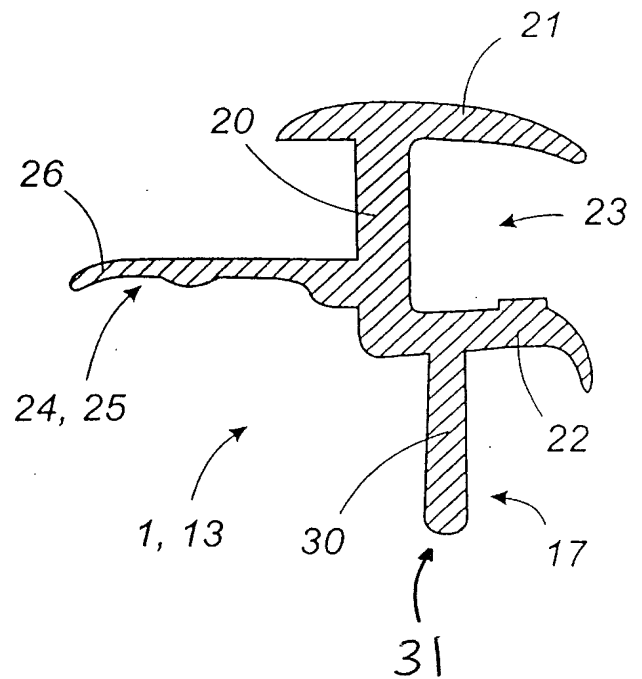


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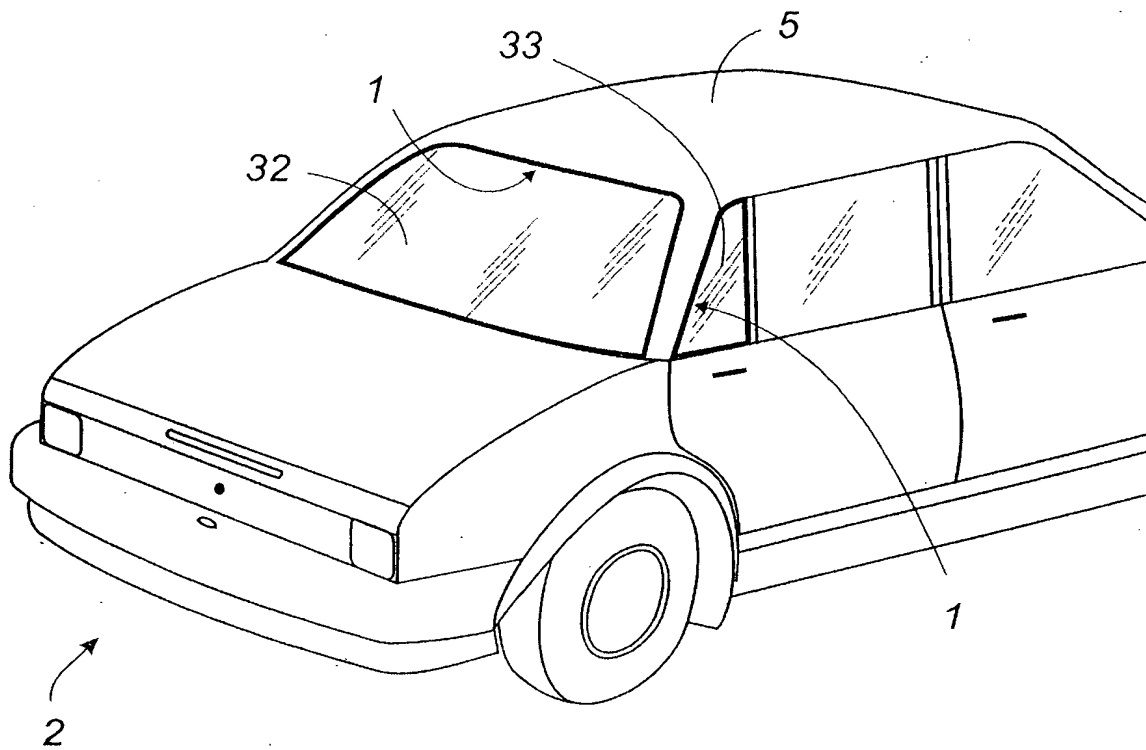


FIG. 2A

